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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the Patent Office consider the attached references which have come to Applicant's attention.

Laid Open Japanese Patent Application No. 05316261. As noted in the attached translation, this reference relates to a device having the function of a printer and a scanner. A sensor 27 is provided for detecting a setting of the original document for setting an original reading mode for the scanner unit 26. The translation is attached as noted.

Laid Open Japanese Patent Application No. 4196746 relates to a hand scanning

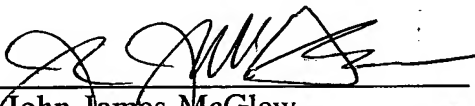
device with a drive unit to provide a stable scanning speed. A translation of this document is attached hereto.

Consideration of the references is respectfully requested.

As the references are being filed prior to a first Office Action on the merits, it is Applicant's position that no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted
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copy of Japanese Patent No. 05316261
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